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MEETING, BONN, JULY 26-27: FOLLOW-UP ON ASEAN

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1. GERMAN CHAIRMAN OF NINE'S ASEAN WORKING GROUP HAS
GIVEN US FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON POLITICAL
DIRECTOR'S DISCUSSIONS ON NOVEMBER 20 CONFERENCE:

-- THE WORKING GROUP AGREED THAT THE ASEAN FOREIGN
MINISTERS WILL LIKELY EXPECT FROM THEIR EC COLLEAGUES
SOME FORM OF POLITICAL STATEMENT ENDORSING THE ASEAN
GROUPING.

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-- GERMAN POLITICAL DIRECTOR BLECH ARGUED THAT THE NINE
SHOULD PREPARE A POSITION ON THIS ISSUE AS WELL AS ON
HOW THEY WILL REACT TO OTHER POLITICAL QUESTIONS.

-- THE GERMANS, IN KEEPING WITH THEIR INTEREST IN
IMPROVING TIES WITH ASEAN, LEAN TOWARD ACKNOWLEDGING
ASEAN'S ROLE AS A STABLE, POSITIVE ELEMENT IN ASIA.

-- HOWEVER, THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS, SOME OF WHOM
EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT DISCUSSING POLITICAL ISSUES
WITH ASEAN, AGAIN DECIDED TO HOLD OFF ON THE PREPARATION
OF A COMMUNITY POSITION.
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